

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 An apparatus for and method of processing a service request in XML document  
format via a legacy data base management system to produce a response. The service is  
defined by a component definition which is presented to the legacy data base management  
system as a combination of tables, variables, and script defining various components. The  
inputs are defined in accordance with a combination of components from a variety of  
sources. The legacy data base management system honors the service and returns results as  
10 appropriate.